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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** State Board of Education

**FROM:** Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman

**SUBJECT:** Adoption of Resolution Honoring Robert K. Morris

Attached is a draft resolution honoring Robert K. Morris.

Mr. Morris is leaving the Department of Education to assume a position with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the Resolution Honoring Robert K. Morris, as attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated November 27, 2006.

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## **RESOLUTION**

**ROBERT K. MORRIS**

**WHEREAS, Robert K. Morris, a lifetime Michigander being born and raised in suburban Detroit; and**

**WHEREAS, Bob graduated from Birmingham Seaholm High School, pursued his education graduating from Western Michigan University in 1973 with a teaching degree, and later received his Masters in Public Administration also from Western Michigan University; and**

**WHEREAS, Bob taught middle school for the Detroit Public Schools in the mid-1970s; and**

**WHEREAS, Bob left the Detroit Public School in 1976 when he began working for the Michigan House of Representatives in a policy position where he served until 1982; and**

**WHEREAS, from 1983-84 Bob served as a member of Governor James Blanchard's Policy Office where he coordinated policy for the U. S. Congress and the Michigan Legislature; and**

**WHEREAS, from 1993 to 2003, Bob worked for Wayne County Executives Edward H. McNamara and Robert Ficano where he directed Wayne County's legislative program, and also provided advice on transportation policy, rising to the position of Assistant County Executive; and**

**WHEREAS, in 2003 Bob was appointed Legislative Director for the Michigan Department of Education where he coordinated the Department's legislative actions with the State Legislature, including the adoption of the Michigan Merit Curriculum; and**

**WHEREAS, Bob has announced he has accepted a position with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and will leave the Michigan Department of Education at the end of 2006; and**

**WHEREAS, during his career Bob has served on many boards and organizations including board member and President of the Michigan Intelligent Transportation Society, board members of the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority, and board member of the 8 Mile Road Boulevard Association; now, therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education expresses its deepest appreciation and gratitude to Robert K. Morris for the dedication he has shown throughout his tenure at the Michigan Department of Education.**